(b) if so, whether a holistic study of such large scale exodus of trained paramilitary personnel has been made; and

(c) whether sanctioned strength of 2,10,261 BSF personnel, available to guard our borders, is adequate especially in view of the belligerent neighbouring countries across the borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) According to available information, 7395 BSF personnel have left the organization on voluntary retirement or resignation during the period 2005-07. Some of the main reasons are:—

* Posting in remote areas and stressful working conditions
* Prolonged period of separation from family
* Personal and domestic compulsions
* Perceived inadequate compensation
* Availability of alternative employment opportunities nearer home.

(c) The requirement of personnel for guarding our borders is reviewed from time to time and augmentation of the Force is approved by the Government whenever required. Additional 157 Coys were raised in BSF following the recommendations of the Group of Ministers on Reforming the National Security System. Deployment of newly raised battalions of CRPF has also helped in releasing BSF battalions from counter insurgency duties for border guarding duties.

Increasing working days under NREG Scheme

†*22. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been made mandatory to provide 100 working days employment to a labourer under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 100 working days are not proving sufficient to solve the financial predicament of labourers in a year of 365 days;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) whether Government will consider to increase the number of working days from 100 to 150?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The aim of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act is to provide for the enhancement of livelihood security of the rural households by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work, NREGA is demand based. Under the Act, employment is provided to a wage seeker for the number of days of employment demanded subject to an over all ceiling of 100 days per household in a financial year.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) and (d) NREGA provides for a legal guarantee of 100 days of employment to a household in a financial year on demand for doing unskilled manual work. Number of households provided employment, number of households completed 100 days of employment and the average employment provided per household during the two years of NREGA is as under:

Year	No. of households provided employment	No. of households which Completed 100 days of employment	Average number of days of employment provided per household	Persondays generated
2006-07 (200 districts)	2.10 crore (Upto March, 07).	7.59 lakhs (upto Jan., 07) 21.43 lakhs (upto March, 07)	39 days (upto Jan., 07) 43 days (upto March, 07)	6188.2 lakhs (upto Jan., 07) 9050.6 lakhs (upto March, 07)
2007-08 (upto Jan., 08)	2.80 crore	13.81 lakhs (upto Jan., 08)	Phase-I.....41 days Phase-II.....23 days Average of Phase I & II.....36 days	Phase-I 8089.0 lakhs (an increase of 30.72% over 06-07). Phase-II 1941.4 lakhs Total of Phase I & II 10030.4 lakhs

The 100 days of employment envisaged under the Act takes into account the fact that workers will also avail other employment opportunities such as working on their own fields and the fields of other farmers as well as under other Government programmes.

(e) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government for increasing the number of working days from 100 to 150.

Implementation of Conditional Access System

*23. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to put on hold the planned extension of the Conditional Access System (CAS) to the remaining areas of three of the four metros;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the CAS has failed in its desired objectives in the areas where it has been put into operation and if so, in what aspects and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARAJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.